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方舟の十字
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WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS LOUIE
LOUIE TORRENCE LUGARD.
NO, JUST TELL ME YOUR FIRST NAME.
FROM NOW ON NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
THAT IS THE ONLY NAME YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER
.....

AND YOU... WHO ARE YOU?
A SHINIGAMI?
YOU OWN YOUR LIFE, LOUIE
NEVER FORGET THE SOUND OF THOSE THREE VOWELS,
AND THE TWO CONSONANTS THAT FORM THAT WORD.
WAIT... WHO ARE YOU?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS DON'T FORGET THAT!
YOUR LIFE BELONGS ONLY TO YOU!

In a faraway land, there was a small castle where two brothers lived a quiet life
The kingdom was completely surrounded by sand, seperating it from the rest of the world.
The older brother, Louie was 18 years old.
At one time Louie was king but he was stripped of his throne.
Psp
PHILLIP WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?
IS YOUR LEG HURTING AGAIN?
The younger brother, Phillip was 12 years old.
At this time, due to a previous injury, Phillip was experiencing some discomfort with his leg.
NO IT DOESN'T HURT
vshhh

This was the younger brother's favorite story
NOPE!
AGAIN? DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF LISTENING TO THE SAME STORY?
HEH
HMM?
BROTHER
TELL ME THE STORY OF THE "PRINCE'S CABIN" PLEASE!
ONE DAY
A YOUNG MESSENGER CAME TO THE CABIN TO APOLOGIZE FOR A LOST LETTER
A month before his coronation ceremony, the older brother left the palace to go to the Prince's Cabin. It was just a name they decided to give to an old cabin
It was a place where one could rest and relax in solitude
THE RESEMBLENCE BETWEEN THE MESSENGER AND HIS BROTHER WAS UNCANNY
HIS NAME WAS ALSO PHILLIP AND HE WAS RUDE BUT GOOD AT MAKING TEA
I WILL FIND YOUR LETTER
THEN I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU!
THIS WAS THE AGREEMENT THEY MADE BEFORE SAYING GOODBYE
AND LATER
...

rustle
And so, whenever this story is told
the elder Prince lapses into silence towards the end
THE WIND IS GETTING STRONGER LET'S GO INSIDE
clack clack clack
Nowadays, it is forbidden to even mutter his name
That is because the man who came for the elder prince on the last day
Is the very person who holds the fate of the two princes in his hand

CLACK
BROTHER, DOESN'T THIS REMIND YOU OF THE TIME WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN?
AH, THOSE AWFUL TIMES?
BUT YOU ARE STILL A CHILD!
IF YOU WEREN'T RUNNING AROUND THE GROUNDS COVERED IN MUD YOU WERE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK OR
AND THEN
That man
CLACK

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN CHARGE OF YOUR EDUCATION AND SAFETY
CALL ME ARMAND
He became an important person to the both of them
FROM NOW ON WE CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND-
He was a loyal servant, a true friend, a person who was always by their side.
THE MOMENT OF THE DETHRONEMENT...
BOTH OF YOU GET TO THE WEST WING OF THE PALACE!
UP UNTIL THAT MOMENT,
PHILLIP

HE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR US BUT LATELY HE HASN'T COME TO VISIT US
FROM LUYNES,
BUT ...
BY THE WAY, YOU AND THE COUNT GUICHE ARE GETTING ALONG, AREN'T YOU?
THAT ISN'T TRUE!
HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY LETTERS FROM THE PALACE RECENTLY?
YES, AND YOU BROTHER?
HE SENT ME A LETTER SAYING HE'D 'KEEP' ME IF I BECAME HIS LOVER.
IT CAN WORK OUT FOR US HE'S A MAN WITH HONOR.
IT'S NOT REALLY SO BAD!
T/N 'KEEP' AS IN KEEPING A MISTRESS
LOVER?
NOT REALLY... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT BROTHER

SORRY BROTHER, I DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY YOU...
PHILLIP...
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF SAND-STORMS LATELY, DON'T YOU THINK?
BY THE WAY,
FORGET ABOUT ALL I SAID BEFORE...
swipe
rustle
tug
creak

I HAD A QUESTION BEFORE...
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED UP LIKE THAT?
ALL DRESSED UP IN RIBBONS LACES, AND PETTI-COATS A GIRL'S DRESS IS A FANTASY, YOU KNOW?
WHY? DON'T YOU THINK THIS DRESS IS CUTE?
NONE OF THESE REEK OF BLOOD
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, SKIRTS ARE MORE COMFORTABLE FOR YOUR FEET
BROTHER IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
I WAS POWER-LESS.
HELP ME...!

AND
I WAS SO STUPID, THAT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I WAS POWERLESS
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE A FAIRY TALE PRINCE, BROTHER
SINCE THAT DAY, HAVE YOU BEEN LAUGHING AT THE POWERLESS ME?
YOU ARE MY ONLY GOD
RATTLE
RATTLE
AND THOSE WORDS...
ARMAND
YOU ARE...

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
I'D LIKE TO GO AND WALK AROUND A BIT OUTSIDE.
SHHH
THE SOUND OF THE WIND WAS SO LOUD...
WHY AREN'T YOU SLEEPING?
PHILLIP
OH.

I WANT TO SEE HIM
I REALLY WANT HIM.
BROTHER
THOSE HAPPY DAYS,
WHEN WE DIDN'T KNOW PAIN OR SUFFERING, THOSE DAYS OF INNOCENCE
FULL OF COLORS AND LIGHT...
PHILLIP, I'M HERE FOR YOU!
I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER

THOSE MEMORIES AND ALL THAT REMAINED DISAPPEARED A LONG TIME AGO..

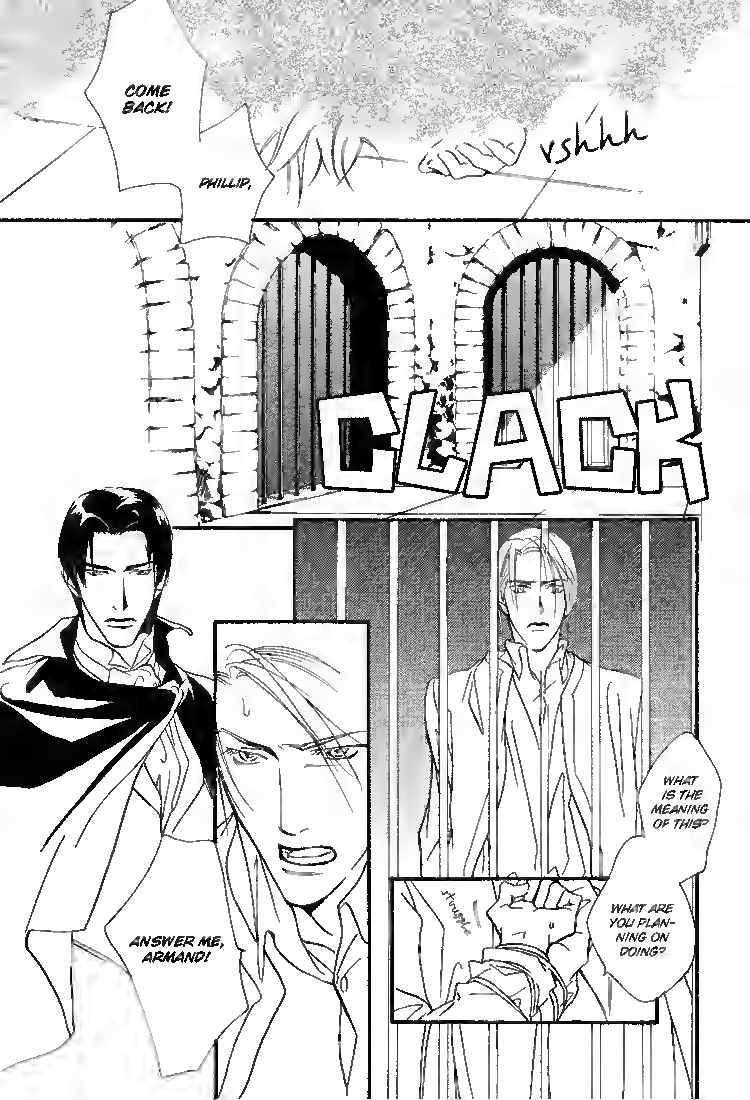
VRRSHH
IT WAS BETTER TO BURY THEM WITHIN THE SAND

PHILLIP
PHILLIP TODAY THE SAND STORM IS STRONGER THAN EVER.
cough
slip
CREAK
PHILLIP!

GAAAH
glare
cling
slink
DON'T TOUCH MY BROTHER!
YOUR MAJESTY

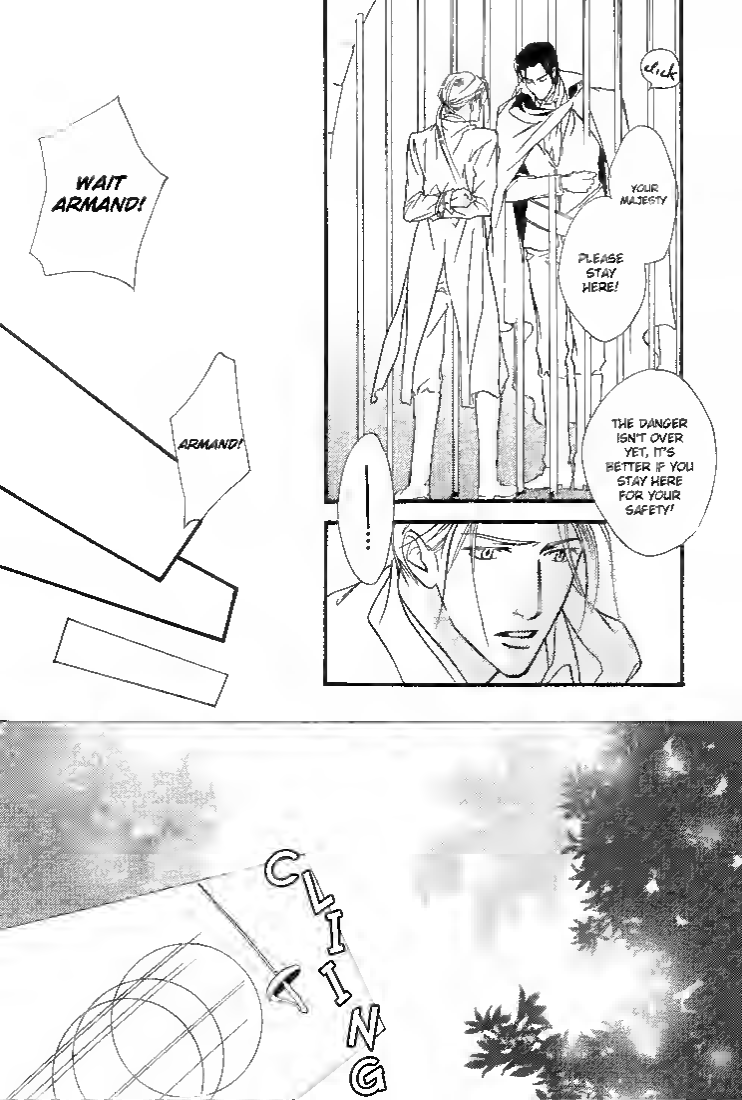
YOUR MAJESTY!
SWISH
I DON'T WANT SOMEONE LIKE YOU CALLING ME THAT! WHY PHILLIP?
"YOUR MAJESTY"?
YOUR MAJESTY YOUR BROTHER-HE ALREADY
SIL-ENCE!
GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!
GET AWAY FROM THE DOOR!
CLANG
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME!
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME.
CLICK
!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THUD
AH!
PHILLIP!
WHAT DID YOU DO? WHAT IS THIS SAND?
WHY?
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
IT'S USELESS BESIDES, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM!
LET GO! PHILLIP HE'S-
GET UP, PHILLIP!
HE'S DISAPPEARING!


COME BACK!
PHILLIP,
vshhh
CLACK
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?
ANSWER ME, ARMAND!

CAN YOU TRUST ME JUST ONCE MORE?
CRASH!
ARE YOU KIDDING? HOW CAN YOU THINK I CAN TRUST YOU!
CRASH!
FREE ME! I WANT TO KILL YOU THIS VERY MOMENT!
Traitor!
pant
HMPH

DON'T TOUCH ME!
TRAITOR, EH?
MY WHOLE BEING IS DEVOTED TO YOU
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.... YOU'RE SO STU■BORN.
LIKE ALWAYS ...
IN THE PAST AND IN THE FUTURE...


WAIT ARMAND!
ARMAND!
click
YOUR MAJESTY
PLEASE STAY HERE!
THE DANGER ISN'T OVER YET, IT'S BETTER IF YOU STAY HERE FOR YOUR SAFETY!
!
...
CLING

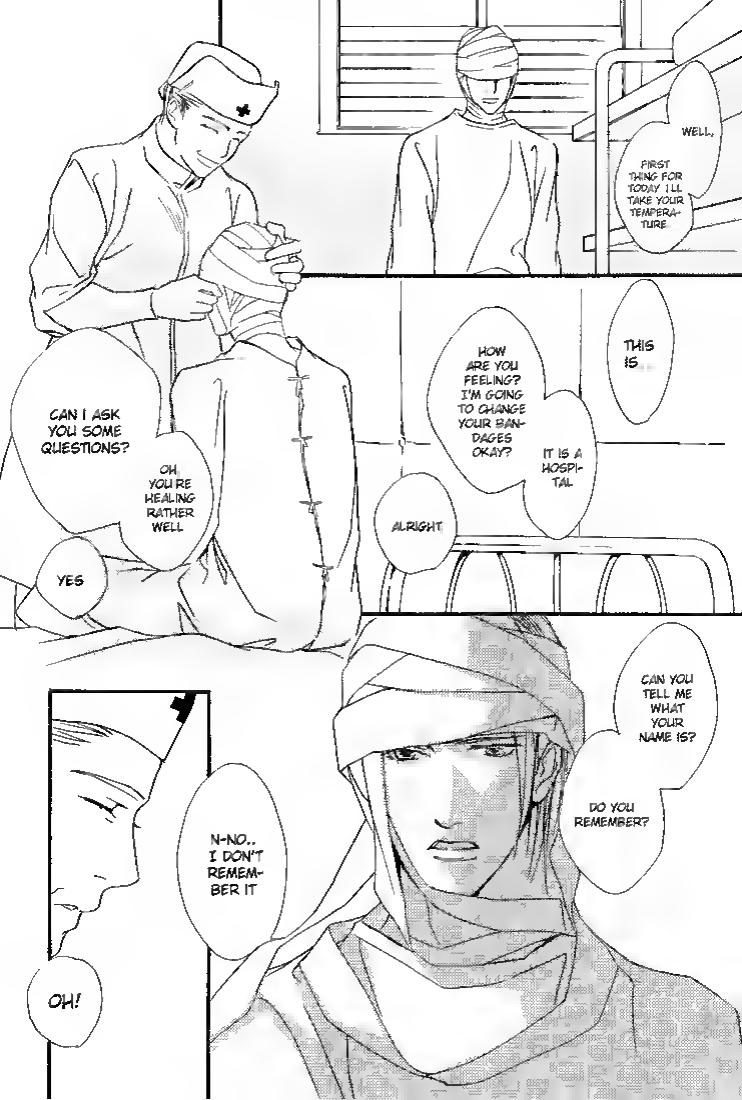
SHLING
OH... IT'S A SMALL CUT ON YOUR HAND
YOUR SWORDS-MANSHIP IS GREAT!
TOUCHÉ! WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW?
EH? WHAT'S WRONG?
EVEN THOUGH YOUR FOOT-WORK IS SLOW I HAVE TO PRAISE YOU
SOME PIECES OF STONE ARE IN YOUR WOUND

tsk
YOUR MAJESTY
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THERE ISN'T ANY WATER AROUND
suck
blush
twitch
lick
STOP
I'LL WASH IT WITH WATER LATER ON SO IT'S OK NOW
AH..

vshhh
MY ONLY GOD!
IT IS TIME, YOU SHOULD GO NOW...
gyip
ARMAND ?
rustle
HUH ?

ARMAND ...?
...
ARMAND!
AND AFTER,
I CALLED HIM TIME AND TIME AGAIN UNTIL MY VOICE WAS HOARSE, BUT...
HE WAS ERASED BY THE SAND
MAYBE EVERYTHING WAS BURIED BENEATH THE SAND

IT FELT LIKE THE WORLD WAS BREAKING...
PIN PON
Dr Gostin in neu rology please report to the receptions desk!
PIN PON
clack clack clack clack
beep
WALK
YOU'RE UP EARLY TODAY AREN'T YOU?
OH
CLANG

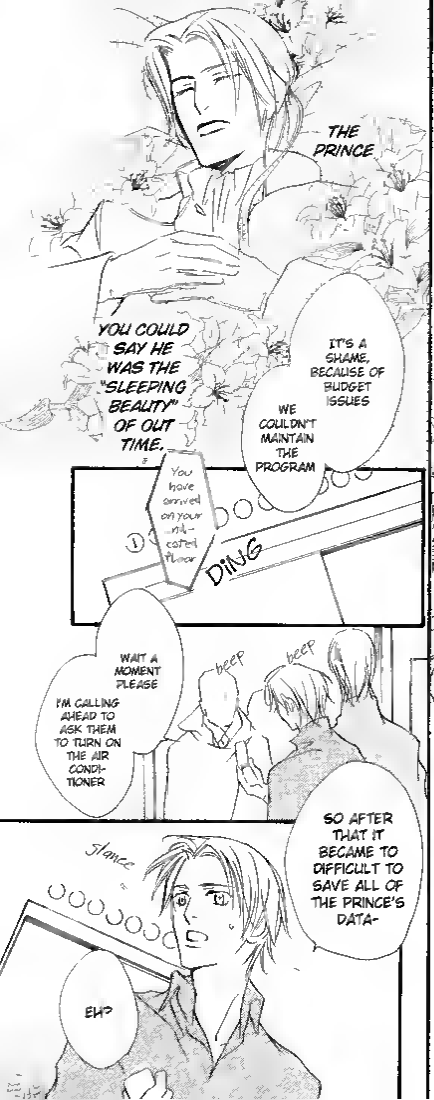

WELL,
FIRST THING FOR TODAY I'LL TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE
THIS IS...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING? I'M GOING TO CHANGE YOUR BANDAGES OKAY?
IT IS A HOSPITAL
ALRIGHT
CAN I ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS?
OH, YOU'RE HEALING RATHER WELL
YES
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT YOUR NAME IS?
DO YOU REMEMBER?
N-NO.. I DON'T REMEMBER IT
OH!

crack
mumble
mumble
I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I DON'T KNOW.
AH WELL-
YOU CAN LEAVE THE HOSPITAL.
THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO PICK YOU UP IN THE WAITING ROOM.
AH!
Waiting Room

stride
ERM... DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
I'M SO GLAD I FOUND YOU!
I'M HERE TO PICK YOU UP!
smile
PHILLIP YOU'VE GROWN UP.
Stunned
...EH? IT CAN'T BE!
YOU REMEMBER ME?
BUT OF COURSE I REMEMBER YOU AND THE PROMISE WE MADE.
WHAT A GREAT PRINCE!
Hee Hee
You weren't brain-washed at all!
Hmm?
SO DID YOU FIND THE LETTER? ARE YOU STILL A MESSENGER?
YAY!
smile

THEY DID AN EXHAUSTIVE EXPLORATION,
BUT MAYBE THEY MISSED SOMETHING.
NOW YOU CAN SLOWLY RECOVER.
Huh?
Huuah?
EH?
BUT... WHY BRAINWASH?
WELL, YOU SEE...
THAT WAS YOUR...
IS IT BECAUSE I'M NOT A NORMAL PERSON LIKE THE OTHERS? IS THAT IT?

I AM NO LONGER A PRINCE.
I'VE OBTAINED CITIZENSHIP, SO FROM NOW ON IN THIS WORLD, I AM JUST A NORMAL CITIZEN.
OH, THERE ARE FORESTS HERE TOO.
IN THIS REALISTIC WORLD...
AN ARTIFICIAL WORLD
AN ARTIFICIAL FOREST
THERE ARE BUILDINGS IN NEAT AND TIDY ROWS.
IT'S NOT ALL ARTIFICIAL!
THERE REALLY WAS A ROYAL FAMILY AND A PRINCE YOUR COUNTRY DID EXIST ABOUT A CENTURY AGO
RIGHT NOW I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT MY WORLD WAS ARTIFICIALLY MADE
INSTEAD OF SAYING ARTIFICIALLY MADE, WHY NOT SAY AN EXISTENCE THAT 'NEVER EXISTED',
THAT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE.


THE PRINCE
YOU COULD SAY HE WAS THE "SLEEPING BEAUTY" OF OUT TIME.
IT'S A SHAME, BECAUSE OF BUDGET ISSUES
WE COULDN'T MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM
You have arrived on your artificial flower
DING
WAIT A MOMENT PLEASE
I'M CALLING AHEAD TO ASK THEM TO TURN ON THE AIR CONDITIONER
beep
beep
SO AFTER THAT IT BECAME TO DIFFICULT TO SAVE ALL OF THE PRINCE'S DATA-
Flame
EH?

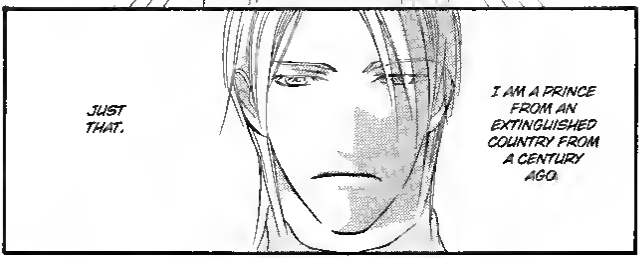
AN ECCENTRIC WORLD OF DREAMS.

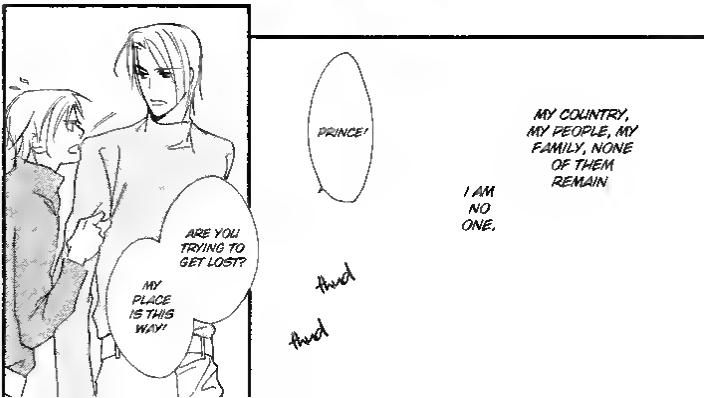
A FANTASTICAL WORLD THAT EXISTED IN A BEAUTIFUL AGE.

A COMPUTERIZED RECONSTRUCTION BASED ON THE DATA OF THAT WORLD, A "THEMATIC PARK".

THE PRINCE'S MEMORIES WERE PRESERVED AND USED TO CREATE THIS WORLD.

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER


JUST THAT.
I AM A PRINCE FROM AN EXTINGUISHED COUNTRY FROM A CENTURY AGO.


ARE YOU TRYING TO GET LOST?
MY PLACE IS THIS WAY!
PRINCE!
I AM NO ONE,
MY COUNTRY, MY PEOPLE, MY FAMILY, NONE OF THEM REMAIN
And
And

WHY DO I FEEL SUCH EMPTINESS?
WHEN WE ARRIVE, I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU A DELICIOUS CUP OF TEA!
I AM NEITHER A KING
NOR A PRINCE
YES THAT WOULD BE GREAT
ALL OF MY MEMORIES WERE FAKE
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I CAN'T FORGET
THINGS LIKE MY NAME DON'T MEAN ANYTHING
I'M JUST AN EMPTY SHELL.
GLUP GLUP GLUP GLUP

HE HE
IT'S LIKE A DREAM
BEING IN FRONT OF YOU LIKE THIS
HERE YOU GO!
SKIN SKIN
WELL, HE'S...
WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY?
THANKS
shock
!
TICK
TICK
THAT MAN

AH, YOU WERE HERE!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?
OH!
click
BOW

CLACK
SHHHH
HE TRAINED ME TO BE YOUR GUARDIAN AND HE ALSO LOBBIED AGAINST THE ADOPTION OF THE DATA DELETION LEGISLATION
THAT PERON JUST NOW,
HE'S THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ALL OF THESE VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS
PRINCE?
EH?
NO ONE KNOWS HOW OR WHY SOME OF THOSE STRANGE THINGS HAPPENED.

OH
IMPOSSIBLE!
IT CAN'T BE!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE OUTSIDE WITHOUT A ROBE
BECAUSE OF THE ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS

HA
HA
HA
IN THE PAST AND IN THE FUTURE,
MY WHOLE BEING IS DEVOTED TO YOU.

ARMAND!
ARMAND! ARMAND!
ARMAND ...
I...
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN YOU?
.....
... LOUIE

And then
The Prince's ship gradually sailed to the open sea
Out out into the open sea
Gliding on the water as if pulled by the waves
The time that was frozen began to move
AND THE ONES WHO REMAIN,
CAN ONLY PRAY FOR HIS HAPPINESS

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Where has the ark gone?

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I HAVE A LETTER FOR ME THAT HAS NEVER BEEN RECEIVED. WHAT ARE YOU INCOMPETANT PEOPLE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?
EVERYTHING STARTED FROM THAT SINGLE TELE. ONE CALL.
WHO'S THAT FREE ANYWAY!
I CAN'T EITHER, THERE ARE LETTERS I HAVEN'T FINISHED!
WHO'S VOLUNTEERING? I PERHAPS DON'T WANNA GO!
A CLIENT HAS CALLED AND SAID HIS LETTER HASN'T ARRIVED YET
WHAT HAPPENED?
ERM... EXCUSE ME...?
WINCE
IS THIS HOW YOU MAKE A LIVING, BY SENDING LETTERS WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT YOU ARE DOING? I WANT AN EXPLANATION IMMEDIATELY!
CHATTER
CHATTER
*SFX: POP'S UP
ME!
LET ME GO BROTHER!
WAIT!
A VERY IRRITATING FELLOW, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S CALLED
GRAB
*SFX "HUH!
THIS IS MY FIRST DAY OF WORK AT THE FAMILY COURIER BUSINESS.
I AM JUST NINE YEARS OLD.
hee hee
I WANT TO HAVE A TALK WITH HIM!
LET'S WORK TOGETHER!
王子の方舟

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YOU'RE NOT CINDY, RIGHT?
OKAY NOW, HOW OLD ARE YOU?
BEFORE YOU PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO FIND MY LETTER, YOU SHALL REMAIN HERE AS MY HOSTAGE.
EH? HOSTAGE?!
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
ARE YOU LISTENING?
THIS PERSON IS DEFINITELY A PRINCE!!
I HAVE SEEN PICTURES OF PRINCES IN BOOKS
SEIYOU OKI
HM... THIS FAMILY MOTTO IS PRETTY GOOD!
THANK YOU YOUR HIGHNESS
MAY I ASK WHAT YOUR HIGHNESS IS DOING FOR A LIVING AT THE MOMENT?
ME?
A PRINCE!
HA HA HA
ACTUALLY, JUST BEING A PRINCE IS A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY
AND MAINTAINING THE TITLE IS A TOUGH JOB
I AM TALKING TO A PRINCE!
YOUR HIGHNESS, MY NAME IS PHILLIP, AND I TURN NINE THIS YEAR!!
HM... NINE YEARS OLD AND YOU ARE ALREADY WORKING PERIOD VERY GOOD!
SEE! MY FAMILY MOTTO IS "PEOPLE WHO DON'T WORK DON'T GET FOOD TO EAT"
RIGHT
?
?
.....

SOUL
YOU ARE ACTUALLY A HOMELESS, DESTITUTE, RIGHT?
AH, I KNOW.
THIS
IS YOU ARE A PRINCE, WHY ARE YOU LIVING IN SUCH A RUNDOWN WOODEN COTTAGE?
SPEECHLESS LIVING ALONE
RUNDOWN COTTAGE?
SFX: WOHAHAHA
FLOP
I'M SORRY YOUR HIGHNESS
MY LETTER
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT FOR MISPLACING MY LETTER
AH YES
SOB SOB
SOB SOB
AH EH..?
twitch
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH YOU CRYING LIKE THIS!
AHEM I AM REALLY SORRY
AS A SIGN OF MY SINCERITY, LET ME MAKE YOU CUP OF TEA?
KEP TEA?

dazed
tremble
tremble
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE EVER SEEN SOMEONE SO EMOTIONAL OVER JUST DRINKING RED TEA
THIS IS SO GOOD
sigh
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO TURN ON THE HOT WATER?
NOT TO MENTION COOKING!
HAVING AN ICY COLD SHOWER IN THIS WEATHER IS A REAL TORTURE!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE HOT WATER FOR MY BATHS
IT IS TERRIBLE
THEN WHAT DO YOU NORMALLY EAT?
EH?
WARM AND TASTY THINGS ARE THE BEST
HM... THIS IS BECAUSE I HAVE NOT HAD ANYTHING HOT TO EAT FOR THE PAST MONTH
PIECES OF STALE BREAD AND RED WINE
AND SOME DRY PRODUCTS
.....
Is he for real?
ICY COLD SHOWERS?
SFX. TRICKLE TRICKLE

trouble trouble
NOW I SEE, I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT I COULD GET HOT WATER BY JUST TURNING ON THE WATER TAP!
I CAN FINALLY HAVE A GOOD REST TONIGHT
THANK GOODNESS YOU ARE HERE,
NONSENSE! YOU HAVE TO TURN ON THE WATER HEATER FIRST!
WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THIS PERSON LIVING?
WHAT'S WRONG?
PHILLIP, YOU ARE FANTASTIC!
Blush
.....
IT'S NOT THAT,
IT'S JUST THAT YOUR HIGHNESS IS TOO STRANGE..
COME,
YOU CAN SLEEP HERE TONIGHT
PAT PAT
.....

SO I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP ALONE!
OH, YOU HAVE A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR BROTHERS!
IT'S A GOOD THING.
WELL, I AM USED TO SLEEPING WITH MY BROTHERS AT HOME.
STARE
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH?
WA! ♡
rub rub
DAMN, I LOSE TO THIS LITTLE KID'S CHARM
HA HA
WHOSE LETTER ARE YOU ACTUALLY WAITING FOR?
YOUR HIGHNESS.

PLOFF
YOUR HIGHNESS
I'VE ALREADY DONE IT
I'VE SENT MY LETTER, WHAT I AM WAITING FOR IS THE REPLY
.....
IT IS
WHY DON'T YOU JUST WRITE TO THE PERSON WHO IS SUPPOSED TO SEND IT? I CAN HELP YOU DELIVER IT!?
RIGHT!?
DIDN'T YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT NOT RECEIVING A LETTER THAT YOU ARE SURE WAS SENT TO YOU?
WAITING FOR?
A SO-CALLED LOVE LETTER

For those who are victors, even dogs shall wag their tails for you
WHAT'S THIS, YOUR HIGHNESS?
IT IS STUCK ON THE MIRROR
HM? OH
THAT IS MY FAMILY MOTTO
IF ANYONE IN THE FAMILY FORGETS ABOUT IT THERE WOULD BE A DAY WHERE HE WILL BE BITTEN BY A DOG
YOU'RE RIGHT
DOES MAKING THEIR TWO...
IT'S VERY STRANGE FOR A FAMILY MOTTO!
A MELANCHOLY PRINCE LOOKS SO BEAUTIFUL!
PRINCES CAN ALSO FALL IN LOVE!
LITTLE KIDS SHOULD SLEEP QUICKLY!
EH?
YOU BETTER HURRY UP...
daga daga daga
?
daga daga daga

WHAT HAPPENED? YOUR MAJESTY HASN'T BEEN ANSWERING HIS TELEPHONE CALLS LATELY
WHAT I CHOOSE TO DO IS OF MY FREE WILL
IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT?
AS THE CROWN PRINCE OF THIS COUNTRY, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO SHRUG OFF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES
Mmhh
WHAT FREEDOM?
EH!
YOUR MAJESTY!!
YOUR HIGHNESS IS REALLY THE PRINCE?
WHO WAS THE ONE THAT KEPT CALLING ME "YOUR HIGHNESS"?
WHO ELSE DO YOU THINK I AM?
PHILLIP, GO OUT AND PLAY FOR AWHILE
SEE? THE DOG IS HERE.

ARMAND, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SNIFF
PHILLIP
HAS THE SAME NAME AS YOUR HIGHNESS YOUNGER BROTHER.
HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
NO... IT'S JUST THAT YOUR HIGHNESS BROTHER IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YOUR HIGHNESS HAS BEEN HERE FOR OVER A MONTH AND THIS RESTING PERIOD IS GETTING UNNECESSARILY LONG.
pat pat
YOUR MAJESTY
THE QUEEN HAS ALREADY GIVEN THE COMMAND FOR YOUR HIGHNESS' RETURN.
PLEASE RETURN TO THE PALACE
HAS YOUR HIGHNESS FORGOTTEN?
THAT TOMORROW IS YOUR MARRIAGE TO THE PRINCESS OF THE NEIGHBOURING KINGDOM?!
OF COURSE I REMEMBER...!
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE

I GET A CHANCE AT BEING IN LOVE!
THAT BEFORE MARRIAGE.
COULD IT BE POSSIBLE
THAT YOUR HIGHNESS HAS OTHER PRINCESSES IN MIND?
IF THAT IS THE CASE, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
WHAT I REALLY WANT IS TO BE IN LOVE.
IF THAT WERE TRUE,
CONCUBINES? I AM ONLY FIFTEEN
HOW COULD YOU ENCOURAGE SOMEONE AS YOUNG AS ME TO INDULGE IN SUCH AFFAIRS?
AND I WILL SEE TO IT THAT THEY BECOME YOUR CONCUBINES
YOUR HIGHNESS JUST HAS TO GIVE ME THE NAMES OF THE LADIES
THE KING HAD MANY FAVORED CONCUBINES WHEN HE WAS YOUR HIGHNESS' AGE.
HMMPH!

I AM NOT MY FATHER
YOU ARE VERY EAGER FOR ME TO MARRY THE PRINCESS
IT LOOKS LIKE
BECAUSE THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN BOTH COUNTRIES' ALLIANCE
IF YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL IN TALKING ME INTO MARRYING YOU WOULD BE GIVEN CREDIT AND IT WOULD SECURE YOUR POSITION TO BECOME THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER?
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN OF GOD!!
TO ACTUALLY DO SUCH A SHAMELESS THING AS THIS, ARMAND!
click

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT,
THE ONE WHO MURDERED MY FATHER
WAS FROM THE SAME SAND FROM YOU!
POP
POP
POP
CHIP
CHIP
YOUR MAJESTY
TIMES WERE DIFFICULT BACK THEN!
LET'S DUEL!! DRAW YOUR SWORD!!
AKMAN!!
IS YOU, YOUR MAJESTY
THE ONLY GOD I HAVE IN MY HEART
pierce
DOESN'T YOUR GOD FORBID THE KILLING OF HUMANS AND LYING?

DO YOU REMEMBER?
LONG AGO... ACTUALLY, JUST A FEW YEARS BACK, WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER
AND MOTHER WAS BUSY RULING THE COUNTRY,
YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING CARE OF US
LIKE THIS
THE GAME WE USED TO PLAY WAS MOCK DUELING.
I WOULD ALWAYS ARGUE WITH MY BROTHER OVER WHO WOULD PLAY THE KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR.
BROTHER,
BROTHER, YOU ARE SO DEVIOUS!

AT THAT TIME, PHILIP COULDN'T EVEN LIFT HIS SWORD!
PHILLIP, LOUIE
PLEASE RAISE YOUR SWORD AND SWEAR
YOU WOULD PLAY THE PRINCESS.
IN THE END
FOR ETERNAL LOVE
THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS!
Clasp
I AM STILL WHO I WAS,
AND I WOULD SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR YOUR MAJESTY'S SAKE

THERE IS A DISTANCE BETWEEN US NOW
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE ARMAND
HOW ABOUT WE HAVE ANOTHER GO AT PLAYING THE DUELLING GAME?
.....
IF THAT IS WHAT YOUR MAJESTY WANTS
phew
YOU'RE FINISHED TALKING, YOUR HIGHNESS?
myrtle
I'M SORRY PHILLIP, FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG
I NEED TO RETURN TO THE PALACE,
SORRY FOR NOT LETTING YOU GO HOME YESTERDAY
WHAT ABOUT YOUR LETTER?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
!
YOU'RE WEARING YOUR COAT
pat
SORRY

I WILL FIND YOUR LETTER! THEN I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU!
I...
YOUR HIGHNESS!
SHAKE
FLUTTER
CONTINUE WAITING FOR THE LETTER.
I WILL...
THANK YOU, PHILLIP.

THE PRINCE
MAY WE MEET AGAIN!
gada
HE WAS SO ADORABLE, EVEN AT THAT TIME!
Gggh
Hmmm
.....
I WAS MARRIED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND BECAME THE KING OF THE COUNTRY.
THE PRINCE HE...

HOMPH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE MAIL I HAVE TO DELIVER?
WOAH! PHILLIP,
HE IS STILL LOOKING FOR THAT LETTER
DON'T MIND HIM.
ALTHOUGH I AM ONLY NINE YEARS OLD,
rustle
rustle
I CAN ONLY DEAL WITH THINGS MY WAY
AND IGNORANT OF HOW THE WORLD WORKS.
PHILLIP, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK?
Ah!
THANKS BROTHER!
HERE IS SOME RED TEA
THIS IS SO GOOD...
sniff
sniff
THIS TASTES GOOD!
WHO THE FRINCE ACTUALLY SENT THE LOVE LETTER TO?
AND THE KEILY!?
CLICK
王子の方角／END

Where has the ark gone?

I NEVER EVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTAIN IT
PHILLIP, CAN YOU PLEASE HAND ME A TOWEL?
たからもの
SURE
THANK YOU!
dash dash
WHAT'S WRONG?

...IS HE THE ARMAND FROM A HUNDRED YEARS AGO?
OR?
THEN,
AND LATER ON HE BECAME THE PRIME MINISTER.
HE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME SINCE I WAS CHILD. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY
RIGHT THE PERSON THAT WAS WEARING THE BLACK HOODED CAPE
THAT PERSON? YOU MUST BE TALKING ABOUT ARMAND!
SO WHO WAS THAT PERSON IN THE END?
YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU SAW HIM BEFORE IN THE PRINCE'S CABIN DIDN'T YOU?
smile
SPARKLE
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALREADY?
OH I REMEMBER IT, THAT'S WHY IT FEELS SO STRANGE
THE PRINCE IS STILL SO DAZZLING
UCHN

Input personal data into the machine
A gaming machine that can allow the player to experience a realistic recreation of a fantasy world
He was only nine then.
EVEN I WAS CONFUSED BY THE FAINT DISTINCTION BETWEEN REALITY AND ILLUSION THEN
IT'S MORE OF AN IMAGINED REALITY, OR A FANTASY WORLD
THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY REALITY, BUT THE PRINCE SHOULD KNOW THAT
EXCUSE ME YOUR HIGHNESS
REGARDING THAT INCIDENT, IT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED AT THE RIDE IN THE THEME PARK
WHAT'S MORE, DURING THIS ENTIRE EVENT, I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO IS ALLOWED TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH YOUR HIGHNESS!
OH.
EVERYONE WAS ENVIOUS OF MY POSITION!
AH. I THINK YOU PROBABLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT
In this amusement park, one can experience a whole host of occupations or even create an imaginary lover
BUT, BECAUSE OF THE RECESSION MANY OF THEM FACED TERMINATION.
WHICH IS WHY MANY SUCH THEME PARKS HAVE BEEN CREATED.
NOW, HUMAN BEINGS ONLY HAVE THIS FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT,
ARMAND YOU'RE BACK!

YOU ARE HOME ESPECIALLY EARLY TODAY! DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?
IT FEELS WEIRD ACTUALLY SEEING THE PRINCE BEHAVING SO NATURALLY,
AROUND THAT PERSON...
IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE HE HAD SUDDENLY APPEARED FROM AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE INTO OUR REALITY.
IT'S STRANGE...
GOOD-BYE PHILIP!
See you tomorrow!
CRASH
What?!
Are you trying to pick a fight with me???
huh...

DON'T YOU THINK I'M NOT NORMAL?
I BEG YOUR PARDON?
THAT YOUNG MAN HE KEEPS LOOKING AT ME WITH A STRANGE LIGHT IN HIS EYES
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ARMAND IS ARMAND, EVEN THOUGH YOUR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE ... IS OUT OF THE ORDINARY, YOU ARE STILL YOU!.
GROWING UP IS DIFFERENT FROM CHANGING
PERHAPS BUT IF YOU WERE WHO YOU WERE BEFORE, YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE CALLED ... ME BY MY NAME
PHILIP HAS ALSO CHANGED HE HAS BECOME AN ADULT

ARMAND,
THE REASON WHY YOU CLING ON TO THE ORIGINAL BODY IS BECAUSE OF YOUR BELIEFS AND YOUR GOD,
BUT THE REALITY IS THAT I AM HERE, AND THAT IS ENOUGH!
SIMILARLY, YOUR ARE FOREVER YOURSELF.
BUT... THIS REPLICATED PRODUCT IS VERY ROUGH

THE LETTER...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT
THAT LETTER WAS NEVER OPENED A VERY IMPORTANT LETTER...
THE HAND-WRITING ON THE LETTER...
OR ARE YOU REFERRING TO YOU BETRAYING ME?
WHICH IS WHY I AM UNABLE TO ANSWER ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS
WHAT'S WORST IS THAT I AM UNABLE TO RECOVER ALL MY MEMORIES
QUES-TIONS?
ARE YOU REFERRING TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LETTER?
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THOSE MEMORIES, THAT MEANS THAT THEY ARE THINGS THAT ARE NOT IMPORTANT
SO YOU DON'T NEED TO FRET OVER SUCH TRIVIAL MATTERS, WHAT'S MORE...
HIS BEING ABLE TO RECONCILE LIKE THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT YOU NEVER DID BETRAY ME!
YOUR DEVOTION TO ME AT THAT TIME COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FAKED

ARMAND
grab
YES?
it's all your fault
BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A LONG PERIOD OF TIME... I'M THINKING TOO MUCH
IN YOUR CASE, YOU SHOULD BE MORE OPTIMISTIC,
AREN'T YOU BEING TOO OPTIMISTIC...?
HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED FROM THE PAST?
STOP MAKING ME WORRY ABOUT YOU!
BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING, I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU...
don't just kiss
IT CAN WAIT, AFTER I AM DONE WITH YOU, I CAN LOOK INTO THE MATTER SLOWLY...
TO LOVERS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THE SKY IS PURPLE OR BLUE
LOUIS... THE SKY IS NOT EVEN DARK YET...

NOW ALL THAT MATTERS IS YOU. ALL I WANT IS TO HEAR SWEET NOTHINGS FROM YOU.
rustle
I UNDER-STAND...
I REALLY CAN'T DENY YOU!
YES.
WHICH IS WHY THIS LETTER IS STILL IN MY HANDS—IN MY HEART.

たからもの／END

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永遠の檻
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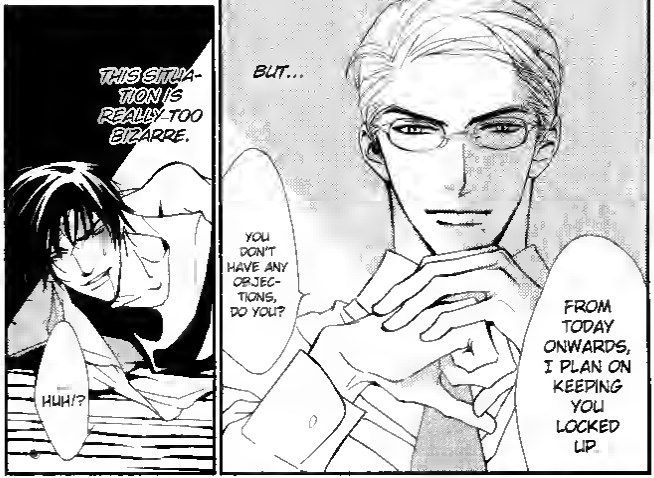
CLICK
THIS IS DEFINATELY A STRANGE PREDICAMENT.
IT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY THAT IT IS AN ABSOLUTE DISASTER TO ME.
URGH...
OH.
SO YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE, SHIBATA.


THIS SITUATION IS REALLY TOO BIZARRE.
HUH!?
BUT...
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS, DO YOU?
FROM TODAY ONWARDS, I PLAN ON KEEPING YOU LOCKED UP.

I'M STILL NOT USED TO DOING THIS SORT OF THING!
Hmm
WHO ARE YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
C-CAH
IT WOULD BE BETTER THAN THIS.
IF ONLY IT WAS A WOMAN STABBING ME, OR EVEN GETTING BEATEN UP BY ANOTHER MAN,
HOWEVER, THIS SCENARIO IS SOMETHING COMPLETELY UNIMAGINABLE!
LOOKS LIKE THE DRUG DOSAGE WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH
YOUR HEAD'S NOT CLEAR YET,

OUCH
HN
thump
drag
URGH
HEY HEY!
THIS IS AMUSING, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?
BANG
YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE, ANYMORE.
SHIBATA, NO ONE'S GOING TO COME EVEN IF YOU SHOUT FOR HELP.
buzzing
BANG

I HAVE RESEARCHED EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU
SHIBATA, 22 YEARS OLD, CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED
JOBLESS .. AND STILL LIVING SHAMELESSLY
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
THIS MAN HE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT STRANGE THINGS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
YOUR BACKGROUND, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT I HAVE CHECKED THEM ALL OUT
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO YOU'RE ALWAYS A LOSER. WHAT'S WORSE IS YOUR COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIPS YOU ARE A COMPLETE DISGRACE
DO YOU KNOW
YOU'RE NOT FIT TO LIVE? OR...
YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE YOU DESERVE TO BE ALIVE!
HNN!
Shudder

I THINK YOU'RE A CREATURE THAT'S ONLY FIT TO LIVE OFF OF OTHERS
I HAVE TO BE STUCK IN A DREAM.
MUST BE A DREAM.
THIS...
NO, YOU'RE EVEN LOWER THAN THAT!
HN
pinch
DO YOU REMEMBER PLAYING WITH A GIRL?
OR MAYBE THIS IS A VERY BAD NIGHT-MARE...A
I HAVE BEEN WITH SO MANY, HOW COULD I REMEM-BER?
YUKI OKOUCHI YUKI
EH...COULD IT BE HER? I ONLY REMEMBER SLEEPING WITH HER ONCE...

THIS IS MY RETRIBUTION!
SHIBATA
SHE CRIED EVERY NIGHT BECAUSE YOU BETRAYED HER!
YUKI'S BROTHER?
I THINK SHE WORE OLD-FASHIONED SPECTACLES... WAIT, WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH HER?
NOT MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION...

AAAH!
WHY AM I NOT WAKING UP FROM THIS DREAM!

Loveless
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YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
muffle
BASICALLY SHE---
WHAT RETRIBUTION? I NEVER DID ANYTHING THAT SHE WOULD HATE ME FOR!
IT COULDN'T BE... THAT YOUR SISTER ASKED YOU TO DO THIS?
SOAK
SOAK
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK?
SINCE YOU'VE BEEN TIED UP, THIS MEANS YOU ARE ONLY AN ANIMAL
HUH?
rustle
THEN
!!
YOU'RE CRAZY!
BAM

THWACK
HA
PFFT
WHAT CAN A
A PERVERSE PERSON LIKE YOU DO TO ME?
IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL,
"ELEGANT" PEOPLE LIKE YOU AREN'T SUITED TO ROUGH ACTIONS!
YOU HAVE NO TEMPER, YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE YOUR SISTER
PI
KU

YOU SURE LIKE TO BARK A LOT LIKE THE DOG THAT YOU ARE!
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU?
I'VE SAID IT FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING,
I WANT TO KEEP YOU HERE AS A PET

HAS HE GONE INSANE?
HOW SHOULD I PUNISH YOU?
THIS MAN...
PI
LIKE WHEN A DOG DISOBEYS HIS MASTER
IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE TO PUNISH YOU,
REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST BE THANKFUL FOR AN ELEGANT MASTER LIKE ME
BECAUSE I AM NOT ONE WHO LIKES TO SEE BLOOD
RIGHT, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HOLDING IT A LONG TIME?
TUG
BUT, IF YOU DISOBEY ME
I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT I WILL STAY TRUE TO MY WORDS
COME!

IT'S TIME TO DISCI-PLINE YOU.
!?
AH
slurrk
HEY!
jerk
UGH

WHAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LOOK
UHH
DON'T HOLD IT IN ANYMORE, YOU HAVEN'T GONE ALL DAY RIGHT?
YOU AREN'T EVEN AFRAID OF PAIN, ARE YOU?
NAH
AH!
SQUISH SQUISH
BASTARD
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT I CAN'T BELIE-VE
SHIT, AT LEAST LET ME USE THE TOILET!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU MYSELF!

PSSSS
AH
AAH
JERK
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE TO START OVER AGAIN
YOU BEAST! YOU DID IT ON PURPOSE!
TSK TSK, YOU REALLY HAVE NO MANNERS,
I THINK YOU WILL NEVER HAVE A TROUBLE-FREE LIFE
BASTARD HOW CAN I BE STRONGER THAN YOU! GO TO HELL!
He He
OH MY,
YOU REALLY CAN'T LEARN TO BE OBEDIENT.
SQUEEZE
AH

pant
pant
Ha
I WILL COME AGAIN TOMORROW BUT BEFORE THEN YOU WILL REMAIN IN THIS POSITION AS PUNISHMENT
IF YOU ARE GOOD AND LISTEN TO ME, I WILL REWARD YOU
PERHAPS I'LL LET YOU HAVE HAVE A DRINK OR SOMETHING TO EAT.
SHIBATA, YOU BE GOOD NOW!

AND JUST LIKE THAT,
SLAM
I BECAME THE PET OF A TOTAL STRANGER.
K.U
K.U
K.U
HIS NAME IS TOMOYUKI.
HOW MANY DAYS HAVE PASSED.
I DON'T KNOW ...
HE WOULD APPEAR WHEN THE SKY TURNED DARK, THEN DISAPPEAR SOON AFTER.

TWITCH
drip
Ha
WHERE IS YOUR "PLEASE"?
GIVE ME SOME DRINKING WATER
WATER GIVE WATER
HA
"STAY" OR "BEG", ARE BOTH THINGS I DO TO SURVIVE.
I HAVE BEEN TRAINED [illegible] DOG.
WHICH IS WHY,
TOMOYUKI WILL ONLY GIVE ME VERY SMALL [illegible] FOOD AND WATER,
PLEASE--- I BEG YOU...

chp
CALL ME TOMOYUKI, THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT'S MORE, HE IS STUBBORN, FORCING ME TO CALL HIS NAME...
TOMOYUKI...
TOMO... YUKI
UH
AND I,
GOOD BOY!
AH AH
CLINK
TOMOYUKI
AH AH
I STARTED TO WAIT FOR HIM TO APPEAR, WAITING TO HEAR HIS COMMANDS

YOU ARE A GOOD BOY.
SHIBATA.
THIS IS SIMILAR TO SEX.
I HAVE TOYED WITH SO MANY WOMEN, ELICITING PLEASURE FROM THEIR BODIES
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS ISN'T DIFFERENT FROM MY PREVIOUS LIFE IS IT?
BUT MY DESIRE,
HAS BEEN BUILDING UP.
RAGING THROUGH MY BODY, BURSTING TO FIND AN EXIT

THIS MAN'S HAND,
I FEEL THE ANTICIPATION BUILD UP IN MY HEART
IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY WOMAN'S
THE WAITING KILLS ME
Creak
HIS HAND WOULD TOUCH ME...
SPLURT
Haa
WHAT AM I DOING...?
I AM NOT WAITING FOR HIM!
Creak
DAMN IT, THIS IS WRONG!
Creak
HOW CAN I HAVE SUCH THOUGHTS!

WHY...
AH
CAN'T I ESCAPE?

YOUR UNDER-WEAR IS SOILED.

MMPH
USE YOUR MOUTH, CLEAN THIS!
IT'S MY RELEASE
WHAT IS THIS?
DOING SUCH A DISGUST-ING THING, I THINK I HAVE TO TEACH YOU A LESSON

I'VE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES BEFORE!
I WILL HELP YOU
IF YOU CAN'T HOLD BACK, THEN YOU SHOULD ASK ME,
LOOK, LIKE THIS!
PLEASE ...
I'M COMING!
AH...
STOP TORTURING ME.
AH— AAH..
THAT'S IT .. CONTINUE PLEASE..

clench
AH
stroke
AH
AH
AH
Creak
UH
Creak

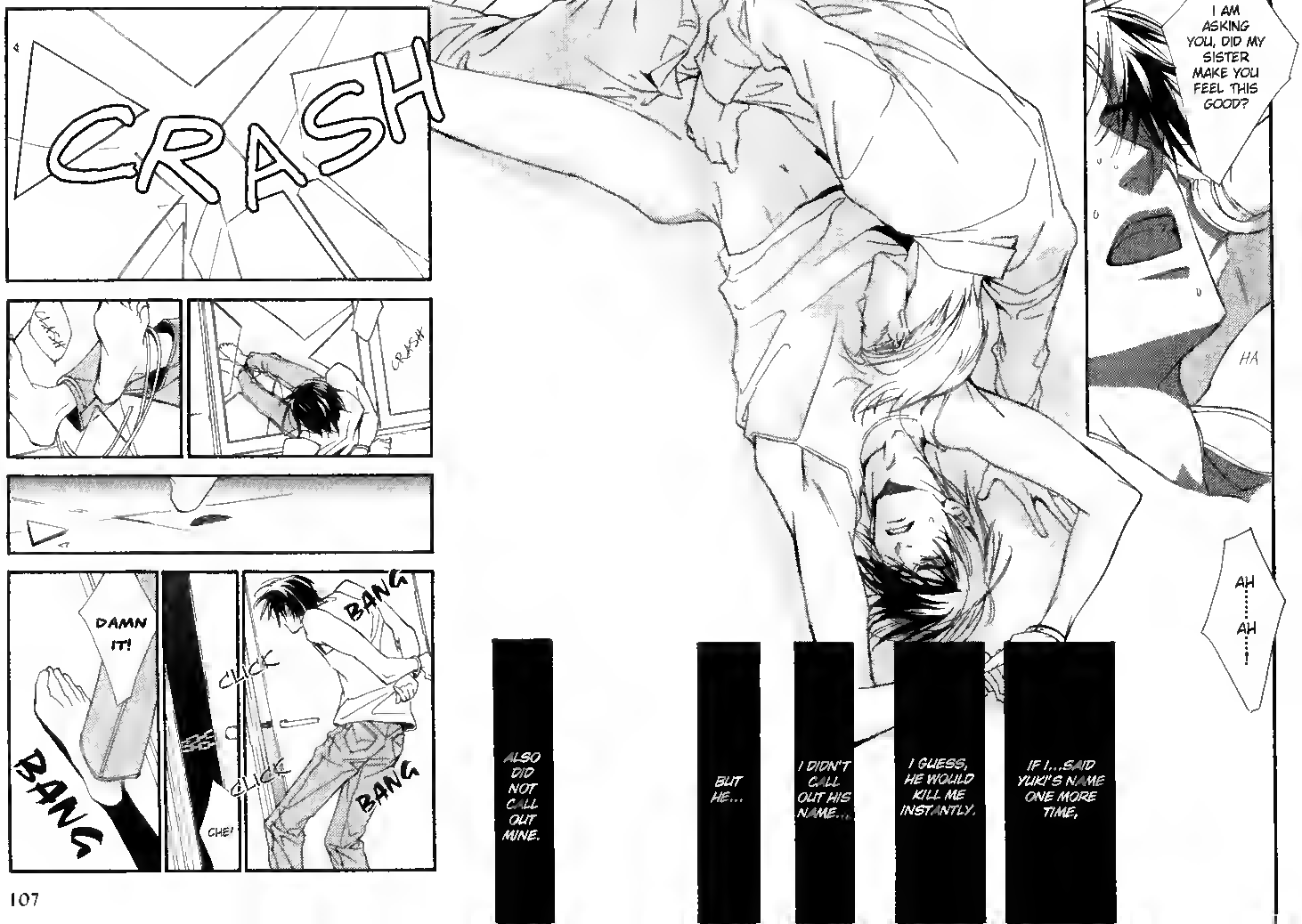
THIS MAN

IS HOLDING ME BACK.
YUKI

SO YOU HAVE A THING FOR YOUR SISTER!
Ha Ha
pulls back
I KNOW! I'M JUST AN OUTLET FOR YOU TO USE,
TO SATISFY YOUR SISTER COMPLEX
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

AFTER HEARING SO MANY EXCUSES,
I FINALLY KNOW THAT I AM JUST YOUR SISTER'S SUBSTITUTE!
WHAT SUBSTI-TUTE...?
NO, YOU'RE WRONG!
AM I?
THIS IS REVENGE! BECAUSE YOU PLAYED AROUND WITH MY SISTER,
I AM HERE TO PUNISH YOU!
YOU MUST BE JOKING!
SLAP
YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE YOUR SISTER EARLIER,
YUKI'S FIRST TIME WAS WITH ME...

SHUT UP!
YOU'RE TOO NOISY!
Pu//
Pu//
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
...
AAAH
THAT VIOLATED MY SISTER
IT'S THIS,
Squeeze
YOU HAD SEX WITH MY SISTER, ONLY TO GIVE THIS SATISFACTION,
RIGHT?
clink clink
ANSWER ME!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DAMN IT!
BANG
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
BANG
BANG
CHE!
I AM ASKING YOU, DID MY SISTER MAKE YOU FEEL THIS GOOD?
HA
AH……AH……!
ALSO DID NOT CALL OUT MINE.
BUT HE…
I DIDN'T CALL OUT HIS NAME…
I GUESS, HE WOULD KILL ME INSTANTLY.
IF I…SAID YUKI'S NAME ONE MORE TIME,

lean
!
WOO SH
WHAT THE HELL!
DAMN IT!
HSSH
...
clench

WHY AM I FEELING ANGRY?
strain
WHAT IS THERE TO REGRET?
I'M JUST BEING TREATED AS A SUBSTITUTE. WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THAT?
I SWEAR I'LL KILL HIM!
DAMN THAT TOMOYUKI!
Hap
!
Hap
Hap

push
grab
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
.....
fall
you...
SCARED ME

MOVE FASTER, THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALMOST HERE
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT,
WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT ME?
WHAT
YOU
WHY...ARE YOU TAKING OFF MY HAND-CUFFS?
THEY KNOW YOU'RE HERE, YOU BETTER GO!
THE ONES THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE. THEY THREAT-ENED ME
THOSE PEOPLE?
GO... GO...
IS THIS THE END?
HEY!

MY SISTER
IN THE END, I GET PUNISHED FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU.
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE,
CRIES EVERY NIGHT,
WORRYING ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING
THEN?
IT WOULD BE ENOUGH IF ONLY YOU WOULD BREAK UP WITH MY SISTER
WHICH IS WHY,

IS YOUR SISTER REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?
YES.
CAN YOU REALLY FORGET?
JUST AS LONG AS YOU DISAPPEAR FROM HERE,
I WILL FORGET EVERYTHING.
ARE YOU SURE...
TOMOYUKI?
YOU CAN FORGET,

TOMOYUKI.
FORGET IT
WAVES HER HAND
.....
GRAB
HELL, THIS IS A BAD HABIT.
I'M ACTUALLY HITTING ON YOU.
I... YOU REALLY WANT TO END THIS?
OUR MASTER AND PET GAME
YOU REALLY ARE A WEIRD MAN.
.....
DON'T YOU HATE ME?
Weren't you just swearing to kill me earlier?
I DON'T KNOW,
I JUST THINK I'M WEIRD... THAT'S ALL.

I'M ACTUALLY HITTING ON THIS GUY, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? WHAT AM I THINKING?
MOREOVER, HE ONLY HAS EYES FOR HIS SISTER--
YOUR FOOT IS BLEEDING.

DESPITE THE SUDDENNESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES,

OR RATHER, THIS SUDDEN DISASTER.

I SUDDENLY FEEL CONSTRICTED AGAIN.

TREATED LIKE A DOG,

HANDS IN CUFFS.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO,
WHEN YOU GET OUT OF HERE?
A TRAINED ANIMAL
WILL BE UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE WILD.
IT'S CALLED THE ORDER OF NATURE.

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YOU MUST REALLY LIKE ME!
HEY,
WHAT'S WRONG?
ラブ・ショコ
Love Shock

AREN'T YOU AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE WORKING CLASS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE DURING OFFICE HOURS?
AND DOING THIS IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE! ARE YOU BECOMING A STALKER AGAIN?
WHY DID YOU BRING CHOCOLATES?
gives
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT'S WRONG"?
SIGH, YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT...
glance
THE REASON I AM HERE IS BECAUSE TODAY IS FEBRUARY THE 14TH
SO...
YOU CAN'T ENTER SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE AS IF YOU OWN IT!
slide
slide
HAVE YOU LISTENED TO ME AND BROKEN UP WITH ALL THOSE OTHER WOMEN?
OH,
turn!

YUP...
Sorry, let's break up
Late and here.
HUMPH, I SHOULD BE THE ONE ASKING YOU!
YOU HAVE BEEN MESSING AROUND WITH MY BUSINESS HAVEN'T YOU?
Please break up with me, and don't ask why
.....
SO YOU HAVE ENDED ALL THOSE RELATION-SHIPS?
THAT'S VERY GOOD!
ALL THE WOMEN WANTED TO END THE RELATION-SHIPS!
Sigh
WHAT IS SO GOOD ABOUT IT. HE MUST BE SICK IN THE HEAD!
SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU HERE FOR?
there is nothing in the fridge
SWING
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU? MY MOTHER!?
A MAN'S BODY IS HIS GREATEST ASSET, YOU MUST TAKE CARE OF YOUR DIET!
HAVE YOU BEEN EATING PROPERLY?
WHAT?!
GRAB
LET ME SEE!?

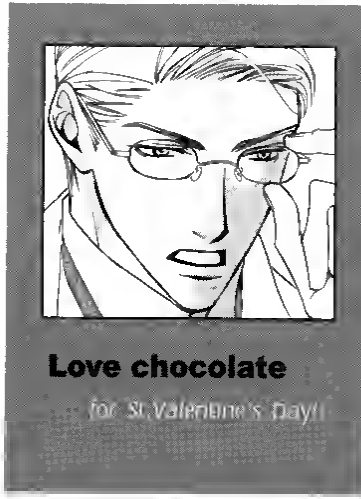
AHH
WOOSH
HEY, YOU!!
GOOD... IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN EXERCISING REGULARLY,
EVEN THOUGH YOU LIVE THE LIFE OF A PAUPER, A BODY AS FIT AS THIS IS HARD TO MAINTAIN.
COULD IT BE BECAUSE YOU EXERCISE IN ORDER TO ATTRACT THE LADIES?
WHAT YOU JUST DID FLIPPED THE WRONG SWITCH!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
G-HOCK

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE VERY SMART CREATURES?
I HAVE LEARNED FROM ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE TO ME.
WHATEVER YOU DID TO ME BEFORE, I WILL DO IT TO YOU!
I WONDER WHAT REACTION YOU WILL HAVE,
WILL YOU CRY?
I WANT,,
TO PRACTICE ALL THAT I HAVE LEARNED ON YOU
HONESTLY SPEAKING, I AM STILL QUITE ANGRY WITH YOU
WHICH IS WHY,,
COME!

RATTLE
SHIBATA?
WHY ARE YOU LAYING ON ME?
PRRRR
DEFEAT
HELLO? THIS IS TOMOYUKI SPEAKING OH, YOU'RE AT THE BUS STOP ALREADY?
I'LL COME AND PICK YOU UP IMMEDIATELY
Until now? She was unaware of the situation.
I'M JUST GOING TO PICK UP MY SISTER. DON'T WORRY I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
hahaha
BECAUSE... MY SISTER HAS BAKED A CHOCOLATE CAKE FOR YOU!
HUH-----? YOUR SISTER?
WHAT ARE YOU BRING YOUR SISTER HERE FOR?
She wanted to give it to you!
WHO WANTS TO EAT HER CAKE! IDIOT!
YOU STOP RIGHT THERE,
YOU CAN'T BE THINKING OF ESCAPING ARE YOU?

OH PLEASE! YOU BETTER GET IT CLEAR! YOUR SISTER AND I ARE FINISHED! WE BROKE UP LONG AGO! YOU BETTER GIVE UP! YOU BETTER FACE UP TO REALITY!
WHY CAN'T YOU ACCEPT HER GIFT?
Stop Crying!
DON'T BE SO HEARTLESS... MY SISTER IS SO ADORABLE
Sigh
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE
Interesting...
WELL, IF THAT IS THE CASE... THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE...
BASICALLY YOU SHOULD BE DISCOURAGING ME FROM DATING YOUR SISTER...
RECONCILIATION BETWEEN YOU...AND MY SISTER?
YOU ARE NOT EVEN LISTENING...
I HAVE TO GO AND BRING HER OVER!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHY ELSE WOULD YOU BE HOLDING A BOX OF CHOCOLATES? SYMPATHY CHOCOLATES?
MY CHOCO-LATES?
Hmm...
AS BAIT?
PISSED OFF
GRAB
WHAT I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR,
IS TO EAT YOUR CHOCOLATES! STUPID!
YOU STAY RIGHT THERE!
RIGHT FROM THE START,

*NOTE ANGER LEVEL MAX
All those corny words you said before actually meant this ?
SHIBATA WAIT A MINUTE, STOP STRIPPING!
I'VE DECIDED TO EAT YOU UP!
EH?
Lv MAX
THROWS
OFF
!
GIVE UP!
I WANT YOU!
FLOP
YOU HAVE PISSED ME OFF!
BECAUSE TODAY IS FEBRUARY THE 14TH!
ラブ・チョコ／END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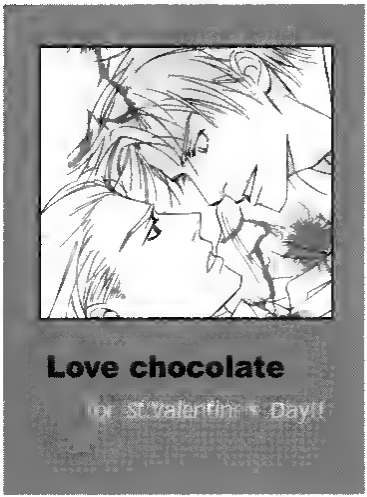
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撃ち抜いてやる
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LISTEN ONE MORE TIME
WHAT'S YOUR NAME? WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT?
LIKE I SAID I'M GOING TO VISIT A GRAVE
I'VE HEARD THAT ALREADY!
TELL ME YOUR REAL PURPOSE AND YOUR NAME!
!

HEY, ANSWER HIM!
grab
THAT'S FINE
LUKE FLANAGAN WAS THE BOSS IN THIS AREA
THE LIKES OF YOU OUTSIDERS WITH NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER, YOU'RE NOT WELCOME TO VISIT HIS GRAVE
I HAVE A CONNECTION
HE'S MY FATHER!
shakk
NEW PEOPLE AROUND IN HOSSON

CLAK
RECKLESS BASTARD!
YOU!
CRE
FLANAGAN IS YOUR DAD, YOU SAID?
WHAT AN AMUSING JOKE
I'M NOT LYING
BANG
twang
AAH!
THEN YOU'RE VINCENT
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT I'M HIS ONLY SON?
WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE?

A LONG TIME AGO.
MY MOM BECAME HIS MISTRESS
AND THE DAY SHE GAVE BIRTH TO ME SHE GAVE ME THE NAME "LUKE".
THE SAME NAME AS MY FATHER.
TOO BAD I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH THING
whisper
whisper
TRICK
*SFX: ROPES FALLING
*SFX: DRAMATIC SOUND
RA! RA!
PARA
GA AN

REALLY,
DONT YOU THINK THIS KIND OF WELCOME IS A BIT TOO ROUGH?
MMOTHER
WHUMP

WHAT A STUPID KID. HE HAS NO IDEAD HOW SCARY VINCENT CAN BE!
Hehe
IT'S THE GUY WHO'S TIED UP OUTSIDE, ISN'T IT?
Is it the Police?
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A FLANAGAN TO START A FIGHT LIKE THAT UNTIL HE'S BRUISED.
YO...HAVE YOU HEARD? ABOUT FLANAGAN'S BASTARD CHILD?
BUT I WONDER
WHAT VINCENT INTENDS TO DO WITH HIM
SHH!
CRUNK...
CHIRAK

FOR THE SAKE OF MAINTAINING THE TOWN SOMEONE MUST TAKE UP THE ROLE OF THE BOSS.
IN HIS WILL FLANAGAN APPOINTED HIS SON ME TO SUCCEED HIM
HYUU-
BUT!
EVERYONE, I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!
ANOTHER CANDIDATE HAS APPEARED!!
ONE WEEK AGO LUKE FLANAGAN PASSED AWAY!
whisper
!

WHA
THEREFORE TO CARRY OUT HIS WILL, A DUEL WILL BE HELD
THE TIME IS TOMORROW AT NOON A ONE BOUT QUICK DRAW!
THE WINNER WILL BE COME THE NEW BOSS!!

SILENCE
THAT IS ALL.
THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
WA
WAIT A MINUTE, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AN OUTSIDER LIKE ME!!
THAT WAS ALL NOTHING TO GET MAD ABOUT
ONLY THE BEST GUNMAN AMONG THEM SHALL BE SELECTED.
THE ONE TO SUCCEED ME IN MY PATH WILL BE ONE OF MY SONS BUT
THIS IS MY FATHER'S LAST WISH AS WELL

THEN.
I WONDER IF I CAME AT A BAD TIME
WHY?
step

WHEN I READ HIS WILL I DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT BUT-
TODAY I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD

grab
IT'S USELESS FOR YOU TO RUN AWAY.
BROTHER?
AT THIS LATE HOUR

DON'T WORRY.. IT WILL ONLY HURT FOR A MOMENT.
IN AN INSTANT-
IT WILL BE OVER.
.....
VINCENT!
OI!
SEE YA'

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO NOON TOMORROW
DRINK THIS.
UM...

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HUH?
EEH!
UHM
IF I CUT DOWN YOUR ROPES I WONDER IF YOU'LL RUN AWAY?
OBVIOUSLY! WHAT A STUPID QUESTION!
I intend to use the night to run away quickly!
There's no sheriff here anyway!
NO, ERR, WELL...
AS I THOUGHT. LIFE IS SUCH A PRECIOUS THING!
GP
THANK GOD!
I WOULD OF GONE, EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!
THEN I WON'T END UP BEING THE HEIR,
WILL I?
PIKU
LUKE WAS

THE COMMOTION WITHIN THE TOWN WILL CONTINUE ON
LUKE WAS THE LAW IN THIS TOWN
THERE WAS NO WAY ANYONE EVER THOUGHT THAT HE'D DIE
WELL, OBVIOUSLY I'M TALKING ABOUT THE LATE LUKE
WILL IT?
IF THERE'S ONE IN TEN THOUSAND...
NO... 10 YEARS. 20 YEARS LATE IF WE EVEN LIVE THAT LONG.
OI!
IN ANY CASE, THIS HAS GOT TO BE LUKE'S STATEMENT.
MAYBE VINCENT INTENDS TO BE LIKE HIM BY GOING THROUGH THIS RITUAL.
HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN HIS SKILLS WITH GUNS.
~BUT

*SFX. GATSU

GATAN
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO.
THE SON OF THE LOVER IS PROBABLY A FAKE!
CHE!
JUST BE QUIET.
SHUT YOUR MOUTH! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH FATHER'S WILL FOR A SUCCESSOR.
IF YOU'RE A SUBORDINATE, DO WHAT A SUBORDINATE DOES.
YOU JUST WAIT AND PRAY FOR YOUR BOSS' VICTORY.

*SFX. GATAN

SFX: FLUTTER

splash
THEY'RE IN AN UPROAR DOWNSTAIRS.
KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN!
BESIDES, LOOK!
THEY'LL BE OKAY WHEN THEY'RE DRUNK.
ISN'T EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE COLD-HEARTED LOT NOW YOUR LACKEY!

WHAT A FUNNY JOKE!
NO THANKS TO YOU!
I'M YOUR LACKEY NOW,
BOSS.
LUKE...
WHY DID YOU PURPOSE-LY AVOID HITTING ANYTHING VITAL?
THE GAME GOES TO YOU, WHAT AN LITTER MISS!

I KNOW THAT BUT WHY DID YOU MISS?
HANDICAP! I THINK I CLOSED MY EYES WHEN YOU SHOT
GOT YOU, DIDN'T I?
WHAT THE HELL?
OH OH OH
YOU THINK I'M AN IDIOT?
I DON'T LIKE BEING USED
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD SAY THAT
gulp
OI!
STOP! I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT.
HOLD IT!
THAT GUY SAID TODAY IS MY FIRST DAY AS HOMAGE TO THE NEW BOSS
IT'S OK I WAS PAID!

YOU'RE DOING GOOD, CONTINUE.
USE YOUR WHOLE MOUTH MORE
OPEN UP YOUR THROAT
THAT'S RIGHT
GOOD GIRL
gulp
lick
BECOMING A BOSS IS JUST LIKE THAT
YOU'LL BE EXPLOITED BY THE TOWNSPEOPLE BUT ON THE OTHER HAND TO BRING ABOUT ORDER
AUTHORITY MUST EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF IMPORTANT RULES
HEY
Hai
TO TALK ABOUT SUCH A MATTER
YOU MUST BE REALLY WORRIED.
FOR YOU TO FEEL THAT YOU NEED TO ADD SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

CHE!
ALWAYS AN IRRITATING GUY!
WHAT IF I ENTRUST MY BODY TO YOUR DESIRE FOR YOUR OBEDIENCE.
HMM?
Ha
Ha
SHADE

YOU INTENDED TO LOSE FROM THE BEGINNING
DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT
ARE YOU THAT WEAK?
*SFX HANG

IN ANY CASE, IT DOESN'T MATTER DOES IT?
THE WINNER OF THE DUEL WAS YOU AFTER ALL.
DUEL?
smirk
WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO
SUCCEEDING SUCH AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON WOULD BIND YOU TO THIS TINY TOWN!
SHUT UP!
BY DOING THAT, WEREN'T YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM YOUR FATHER'S CURSE?
IT WAS MERELY YOUR ESCAPE
THINKING LIKE THAT, YOU'RE STILL JUST A KID
WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
SHUT UP!
I KNOW
I TOO--
HAVE HAD A SIMILAR PROBLEM

*SFX SLIDES SUDDENLY
OI!
gakun!
AHH
CAN'T TALK MO E
UH

HEY DAD
SFX LEAVES RUSTLING
rustle
EVEN IN DEATH YOU WERE ABLE TO USE THOSE AROUND YOU, WHAT A CRUEL MAN
I'VE SEARCHED FOR YOU EVERY-WHERE,

*SFX RUSTLING IN TREES AND BUSHES
YO!
ZA+SU
WHA— WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I FIGURED SINCE I COULDN'T STOP YOU FROM GOING...
I'LL GO TOO!
HUH?
WHUMP
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID...
P R R
OLD WORLD RULES WILL BIND YOU, AND EVERYTHING WILL TURN TO SHIT
UNTIL WE CAN GIVE BIRTH TO THE COUNTRY'S LIBERTY
CAN'T YOU SEE IT?

SUCH A WIDE PLACE
THE WORLD IS
LUKE?
WHY DON'T WE SEE THE NEW WORLD TOGETHER?
WHAT A TERRIBLE HEIR!
MONEY AND FOOD!
Dad's vault has been opened!
ONAKA
EH WHAT'S THIS?
I WON-DER
WELL THEN, FROM NOW ON WE'LL LISTEN TO WHAT THE OLD PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY
OLD PEOPLE?

LET ME TELL YOU, I'M OLDER THAN YOU.
I was already riding horses when you were born!
OI!
WAIT A SECOND!!!
HOW OLD ARE YOU!?
I'M GOING AHEAD
GALLOP GALLOP
WILD SONS
END

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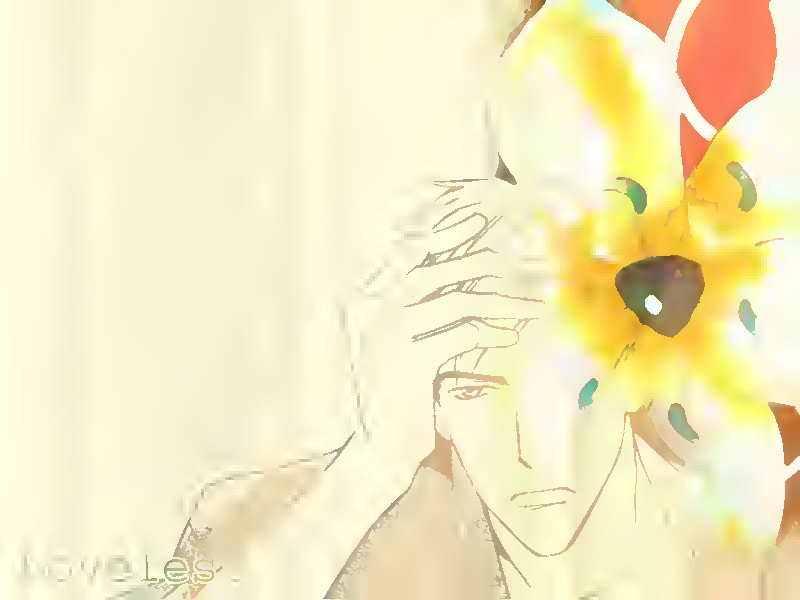
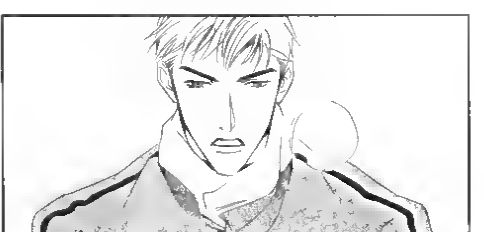

Love Les

夜明けの音楽

As day breaks,
I hear the sounds of a piano from the neighbour's house.
It doesn't seem to have a melody yet but the sound is impressive
Like the sound of the snow falling would seem delicate if it could be heard
Before I knew it, it came to the point that I began looking forward
Tomorrow and the day after and
the day after that as well,
for this sound to rain upon me at daybreak.

Music at the Break of Dawn
Since when did it start?
Meeting in this way
And I am I became fascinated by it.
THIS MORNING'S WEATHER IS IDEAL FOR DRINKING SAKE AND ADMIRING THE SNOW
The spring snow falls lighter than the rain on my roof
and piles up in my bedroom
OH,



THE MUSIC AT BREAK OF DAWN

HEY,
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? YOU PEEPING TOM!
...P-PEEPING TOM?
tap tap
scratch scratch
I GET MADDER AND MADDER JUST REMEMBER-ING IT
AH

WHAT?
On that day the snow had melted soon after daybreak
This boy who has suddenly appeared how is it that he's became a natural part of my everyday life?
OUR MEETING SCENE
I PROMISED THAT I'D SHOW YOU WHEN IT'S DONE
NOPE
pan
COME ON, SHOW ME, SHOW ME.
SORRY IF MY PEN'S WORKING SLOWLY
I'M SO TIRED OF WAITING I COULD DIE!
YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR 2 MONTHS ALREADY.
pan
pan
pan

All of a sudden calling me a peeping tom was a big shock to me but–
You're drinking too much
WOW– A NOVELIST?
THEN, COULD YOU WRITE A NOVEL WITH ME AS THE MAIN CHARACTER?
Then he led me by the nose and now I'm writing his novel
geez
While listening to the sound of that piano I was so sure it was being played by a beautiful girl
What a fraud
It was a good example of his naiveté
SAY, WAS THE FIRST IMPRESSION YOU HAD OF ME THAT BAD?
AKIO!
blink
'CAUSE, YOU'RE NOT EVEN PLAYING WITH ME,
I'M BORED

PULL
YOU SAY THAT, BUT...
...I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE WHO ALWAYS BUTTONS HIS SHIRT WRONG.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
YOU'RE A CHILD TAKE THAT.
Look
mumph
.....
THERE'S THE TOY PIANO? PLAY WITH IT.
HARUYUKI-SAN,
I'M NOT THAT CHILDISH?
AH?
THIS "WATASHI", YOU MEAN HARUYUKI, RIGHT? SOMEWHAT EROTIC.
NON-SENSE.
Or rather unusual
ah it bothers me
You mismatched the buttons on your shirt again
crunch
HEY, I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING,
THE FIRST PERSON USE OF "WATASHI", ISN'T IT SOMEWHAT EROTIC?
A a very gene a usage form of I / that's used by with men and women
mmh——
OW OW OW
LIKE - I - SAID - DON'T READ IT!!
Sorry if it's special.
I caught a glimpse of it earlier.

AKIO~
DIE
KICK KICK KICK
IF YOU HAVE SO MUCH FREE TIME, YOU'D BETTER GO HOME AND STUDY
I RELIEVE YOU HAVE ENTRANCE EXAMS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR...
SLIP
FLOP
SAY HARUYUKI, DO YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO BE DOING IN THE FUTURE AND STUFF LIKE THAT?
AH, JUST A NOVELIST?
IF YOU DON'T LET ME CONCENTRATE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FINISH THIS NOVEL SOON.
SORRY...
BESIDES, I WROTE IN MY COLLEGE YEARBOOK THAT I WANTED TO BE A PHYSICIST
WHAT'S THAT?

I'LL KEEP QUIET NOW.
SORRY, I JUST WANTED TO TOUCH IT.
rub
OI?
THAT'S CALLED THIS WORLD'S SADNESS
AH
DO WHAT YOU WANT.
Weird to the point of saying that he plays piano because he likes the touch of wood
As I thought Ak o s a little weird
.....

rub
COOL
It seems as though his favorite thing is my "right hand"
And
tap tap tap
Seeing this hand some people have looked away embarrassed others showed compassion and curiousity asking how it happened
But I've never heard a person all of a sudden ask "is this wood?"
tap

It's just I'm surprisingly interested with a boy
who is 15 years younger than me
CLAAACK
CLACK CLACK
AKIO!
A-KI-O-FOOD'S READY-
DON'T BREAK IT
CLACK

start
IF ONLY IT WAS WOOD,
AS A PIANO KEYBOARD?
Vvvvv
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY THE PIANO AT HOME?
MAYBE I'LL ONLY NEED TO COOK UDON FOR MYSELF
Splash
COME ON, IF YOU'RE DONE EATING, GO HOME ALREADY.
NO

DO YOU EVER FEEL AS THOUGH YOUR BODY WAS DYING, BIT BY BIT?
BUT
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
OR MAYBE, I'VE ALREADY DIED
YOU KEEP SAYING NO LIKE THAT AND THEN MY HOUSE BECOMES YOUR SHELTER
HARUYUKI, YOU'RE SO COLD TODAY?
YUR
SCRUB SCRUB
CLINK

WELL, IF IT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME, IT'S FINE
IF YOU MOVE YOUR BODY YOU'LL FEEL LIKE YOU'RE REALLY ALIVE
HA?
LET'S GO RUNNING
FLOHH
HEY
WHAT?!
BUT, HOW MUCH FURTHER ARE WE GOING?!
I'M GOING!

IF IT'S TOO HARD, WE CAN SLOW DOWN THE PACE OR TAKE A BREAK?
YOU'RE IN SHAPE FOR SOMEONE IN HIS THIRTIES! IN TOO GOOD A SHAPE!
pant
pant
pant
...IT'S FINE...
LIKE THIS...
YEAH... RIGHT...
pant
pant
UNDER-STOOD
IF YOU ACT STUBBORN, YOU'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS!

A brain tumor or a cancer
People like to talk about sad stories
I learned about Akira's illness through neighborhood rumors

It happened long before I actually met Ak o-
Three days after the Kogayama s arrival next door... the information was coming from all around even if I didn t want to listen
Even more so if it doesn t concern them
step
step
And I don t ask about it either
Ak o doesn t talk about it
I pretend not to listen to him
So when Akio provokes me and talks about "death
I m not kind
step

step
AKIO!
Akio would still come
He follows me as if he's stubborn
flip off
AKIO!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING?
STOP!
AKIO!
DID YOU SEE THAT? THE FACE MY FATHER MADE?!
step
step
AKIO!
PFF

HARUYUKI! ANOTHER LAP!!
That's why I pretend not to know

GOOD MORNING-
-HE ISN'T HERE
MAYBE HE'S IN THE BATH
A BATH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?
RATTLE
HARUYUKI-
HARU-YUKI,
DO YOU NEED HELP?
NH? IS THAT AKIO? WHAT IS IT?

RATTLE
I ASKED YOU IF YOU NEEDED HELP 'CAUSE IT MUST BE DIFFICULT WITH ONLY ONE HAND
His right hand
SWISH
...
OH!
WHAT, YOU'RE FINISHED ALREADY?
Hold a towel
FULL OF SCARS
YOU, FOR HOW LONG DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN LIVING LIKE THIS?
WHAT ARE ALL THESE SCARS?
HOW MANY OF THEM DO YOU HAVE?
FOR 12 YEARS, 12 YEARS.
WOW, COOL!
DISRESPECTFUL
THEY LOOK SO VIOLENT-
HEY, YOU

HEY
Very interested
WHY ARE YOU ASKING SUCH THINGS?
AND IF I TOLD YOU, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HEY, THAT TIME YOU WERE IN AN ACCIDENT, DID YOU THINK YOU WERE GOING TO DIE?
IS IT TRUE YOU RETURNED ALIVE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS DANGEROUS?
YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHAT I MEAN
EVERYONE HAS A PART THAT ISN'T MEANT TO BE KNOWN BY SOMEONE ELSE.
WHY WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
HUH...

SHY
EXACTLY
I SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT THE ACCIDENT?
HARU-YUKI,
YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY FIRM GUARD
IT MAY MEAN THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT SERIOUS SUBJECTS ANYMORE
ESPECIALLY THOSE I WAS CLOSE TO
MY SCHOOL FRIENDS ARE ON THEIR GUARDS LATELY TOO
EVEN WHEN WE'RE CHATTING CASUALLY, I KNOW THEY'RE LIFTING UP THEIR GUARDS
AS THEY KNOW I'LL DIE SOON

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS 'DEATH' REALLY THAT SPECIAL?
ANYWAY, ALL HUMANS DIE ONE DAY OR THE OTHER
IT'S A LITTLE AS IF
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT?
AH
AKIO.
I WAS SUFFOCATING

Shortly after Akio was admitted into the hospital
The silent mornings without the piano were sad
so, it put my mind a little at ease
but I learned that he has a high probability of a complete recovery if the operation was a success.
Truth-fully
I was careless
THE CONTIN-UATION OF THE NOVEL CAN WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNS
clang

ITS NOT BECAUSE IT'S FICTION THAT YOU CAN WRITE ANYTHING YOU WANT ABOUT ME
YOU'RE STILL WRITING YOUR NOVEL?
SAY
AH !
The bond between Akio and *death weakened
I thought Akio's instability came from his fear of the operation
He's only 14 and even an adult would fear an operation that opens up the skull
I had no clue
of the significance of the meanings behind his casual sentences
rustle
SITS UP

I
SHH
!!
WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE
AAHiz
I CAME TO SUPRISE YOU WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S BECAUSE IT'S COLD!
YOU'RE SHIVER-ING.
YOU'VE GROWN COLD
LET ME IN
CAN I?
YES, THE NIGHTS ARE STILL COLD

SAY,
AH?
huh
REALLY?
heavy smoker
EVEN NOW I CAN SMELL IT
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D STOP?
AND YOU WERE STINKING OF SMOKE
WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN ALOT OF THINKING PREVENTS YOU FROM SLEEPING?
I DRINK SAKE.
ah!
ANYWAY, THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, YOU WERE DRINKING SAKE
JUST HAVE SOMETHING SWEET WHEN THAT HAPPENS-
ITS THE LAST PUFF IT'S AS IF MY MOUTH HAD WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS-
bite

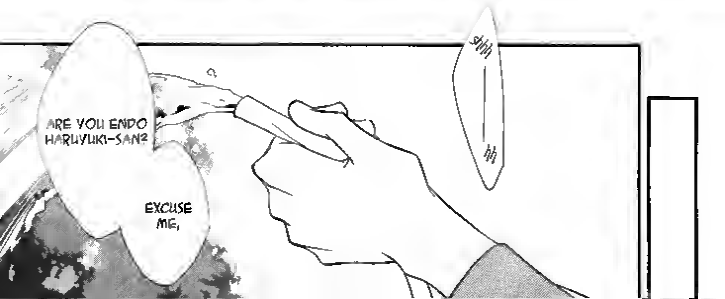
thud
thud
THEY DO-
MALE PARTNERS DON'T COUNT
GREAT, I EVEN GOT MY FIRST KISS!
IT TASTES LIKE STRAW-BERRY
HM,
Precise
OH YAY, DON'T FORGET IN YOUR NOVEL TO SAY,
MY FIRST KISS WAS WITH HARUYUKI!
!
I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP WRITING
DON'T WORRY DON'T WORRY,
YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT IT. I'M ONLY AN AMATEUR, DON'T RAISE YOUR EXPECTATIONS
HARU-YUKI,
I'D LIKE YOU TO ALWAYS THINK OF ME.
THIS...
THIS IS A BURNING CONFESSION.
YET, AS A NOVELIST, IT'S A SUBTLE ANSWER
Hunh
I'm lying, I'm waiting for it impatien-tly.
Okay then the novel itself doesn't interest you.

CHE-
COME ON.
CLOSE YOUR EYES.
pull
...
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONFESSION, I HAVE ANOTHER WISH.
YES?
THIS TIME, A FRENCH KISS.
pissed
DON'T YOU GO TOO FAR?

EH
FU
.....
YOUR EYES.
I LIKE THEM,
HEHE
TELL ME MORE.

MORE.
The next day
When I opened my eyes Akio wasn't there
THE SUN'S ALREADY HIGH IN THE SKY...
!!
Gone!
RATTLE
COULD IT BE HIM... WHO TOOK IT..?
NO WAY...

SORRY, LET ME TOUCH IT.
he whispered only one thing. "I'm afraid."
This was the only moment where he showed me his weakness
Its a strange state of mind that such a thing is a support for Akio
As he was falling asleep


shhh
ARE YOU ENDO HARUYUKI-SAN?
EXCUSE ME,

I SAW YOU IN THE GARDEN
I RANG THE DOORBELL BUT...
EXCUSE ME,
MY BAD, I DIDN'T NOTICE
HUH, YOU'RE AKIO'S FATHER, AREN'T YOU?
NICE TO MEET YOU
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU TOOK CARE OF AKIO A LOT
I'M SORRY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF SO LATE
AH, NO, I'M AT FAULT TOO
I HEARD THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS, HOW HAS HE BEEN DOING?
YES I'VE COME TODAY TO GIVE YOU THIS BACK-
IT MUST BE DIFFICULT WITHOUT IT
NO- HE LEFT A NOTE SO WE WOULD GIVE IT BACK
OOH- THIS COULD HAVE WAITED TIL HE CAME BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL

AKIO HIMSELF
DOESN'T REMEMBER ABOUT IT AT ALL.
IN AKIO'S CASE, THE TUMOR AFFECTED THE PART OF THE BRAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR MEMORY
IT WASN'T LIFE-THREATENING BUT IT WOULD SURELY HAVE EFFECTS ON HIS MEMORY
THAT KID
HAD WORRIED ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME
WE COULDN'T SAY WHAT HE WOULD REMEMBER OR FORGET BEFORE THE ACTUAL END OF THE OPERATION

So that's what I'd meant huh?
Ahh
shuuu shuuu
To Haruyuki
Akio says he doesn't know my right hand
Haruyuki
Haruyuki
krunk

Sorry
I thought you'd better read this letter
Even though I'm trying my best now,
Sorry if I forgot about you in the middle,
And sorry for bringing the right hand on my own.
This kind of letter will probably confuse you.
Maybe it will make you laugh.
I'm scared of the truth
The me inside of you
has died already right?
tap
tap
I guess it's not very manly, but it cannot be helped.
Even if the operation will be a success,
I wonder if I'll be able to...
tap
stay the same as I was before.
Sorry
I thought you'd better read this letter
Even though I'm trying my best now
sorry if I forgot about you in the middle
sorry for bringing the right hand on my own
confuse you

Paul
had
—— Finally,
Again winter came and then spring-
Lately, I've been continuing on with the novel I promised to Akio
Thanks also for treating me like a normal person...
...and not a sick one.

I'D LIKE YOU TO ALWAYS THINK OF ME
When I heard the piano from next door again I felt a little
This strange free unchanged sound
Unknowingly, I'll be waiting tomorrow, the day after tomorrow and even the day after that for this sound that rains upon me for this daybreak. The spring snow falls, lighter than the rain
Even if our own existence is insignificant
This novel isn't what Akio imagined but a work that will fill in little by little the emptiness in him
I think about Akio's cold fingertips
It's so obvious but it keeps going on
as long as we live
it could make us laugh

Music at the Break of Dawn/END